

SUSPENSION

A RESOLUTION TO BE SUBMITTED BY LEGISLATORS MARINELLI, LOUGHRAN & WHYTE

RE: Restoration of Rodent Control and Baiting Services offered by the Erie County Health Department

WHEREAS, Erie County has been providing rodent control and baiting services, as well as a larvicide programs to curtail mosquitoes and the West Nile virus; and

WHEREAS, severe cutback in personnel services have occurred in this department's area, which creates fiscal pressures for municipal governments; and

WHEREAS, Erie County has surplus funds in the 2011 budget that could be utilized for program and personnel restoration; and

WHEREAS, the village of Kenmore, town of Tonawanda, the town of Cheektowaga, the city of Buffalo, and the town of Amherst, areas with a high density of population, have benefitted from the county's services; and

WHEREAS, the municipal board of the Village of Kenmore and the town of Tonawanda have passed resolutions unanimously calling on Erie County to retain these services; and

WHEREAS, at a recent meeting of the Association of Erie County Governments, which represents all of the cities, towns and villages in Erie County, there was a unanimous decision that this matter be discussed before the Legislature and that restorations occur; and

WHEREAS, the public health is among the foremost missions of county government which helps protect the public from disease carrying rodents and mosquitoes; and

WHEREAS, the town of Tonawanda noted it had a 57% increase of complaints between 2009 and 2010.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, the Erie County Legislature goes on record of support of citizens and municipal officials calling for restorations to this service area of the Erie County Health Department and suggests restoring at least two positions in the rabies disease and vector control areas; and be it further

RESOLVED, that official certified copies of this resolution be sent to the Erie County Executive, the Erie County Commissioner of Health, and Erie County's town supervisors and city and village mayors.

Fiscal Impact: None for Resolution.